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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**IN RE APPLICATION:**

Serial No.: 09/106,841  
Filing Date: April 3, 2001  
Title: ANGLED GRIPPING JOINT COMBINATION FOR SUPPORT STRUCTURES  
Group Art Unit: 3634  
Examiner: C. Cohen  
Inventor: James W. Nichol  
Notice of Allowance: July 27, 2004  
Agent's Reference: 0022793BUL01USP

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December 16, 2004

**VIA COURIER**

The United States Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
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**Attention:** John Fitzhugh

Sir:

**SUBMISSION OF FORMAL DRAWINGS**

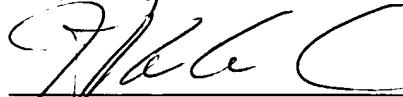
We confirm receipt of the Notice Regarding Drawings dated November 17, 2004.

We enclose herewith five sheets of formal drawings containing Figures 1 – 11. Please replace Figures 1 – 11 on file and substitute new drawings herewith. We advise that no new matter has been added to the drawings.

We advise that the issue fee in respect of this application was received by the Office on October 22, 2004.

We look forward to receipt of the grant document in due course.

Respectfully submitted



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